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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of:)
Vernon R. ROTHSCHILD et al.)
Serial No. 08/753,929) Examiner: L. Dvorak
Filed: December 3, 1996) Art Unit: 3302
For: NATURAL FOOT ORTHOSIS)
AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE)
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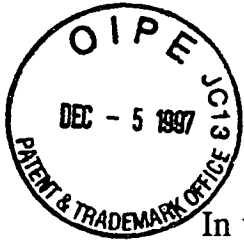
RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 5, 1997, applicant hereby elects Species I, as shown in Figures 3A through 3D. Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 13-18, 24, 27-31 and 35 are readable on such species with claims 1-4, 13, 15-18 and 28-30 being generic to all species. This election being made without traverse.




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In view of the foregoing election, examination on the merits of the subject application and indication of allowability of the claims directed to the elected species, as well as those claims dependent upon an allowable generic claim is earnestly solicited and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, she is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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